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1. Response to Office Action;
2. Amendment Transmittal;
3. Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 To Establish Completion of the Invention; and
4. Copy of Notice of Non Compliant Amendment.

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Practitioner's Docket No. 116523.00054

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Bernard F. Garceau, Jason D. Collins

Application No.: 10/081,254

Group No.: 3635

Filed: 02/22/2002

Examiner: Green, Christy

For: REINFORCING BRACKET FOR A TRAILER FRAME

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	23	- 21	= 2	x \$ 9.00	= \$ 18.00		
INDEP.	4	- 4	= 0	x \$ 43.00	= \$ 0.00		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	= \$ 0.00		
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$ 18.00		

Total additional fee for claims required \$18.00

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5. Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$18.00 to Deposit Account No. 15-0450.

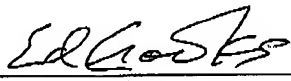
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If an additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 15-0450.
7. **Additional Documents:**  
Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 To Establish Completion Of The Invention.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is a re-submission of a response originally filed August 24, 2004. This paper is responsive to the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment of November 18, 2004, and is filed within month therefrom. As such, no extension fees are believed due. Excess claims fees of \$18 for two dependent claims are believed due.

This response has the following parts:

**Amendments to the Specification** – none made;

**Amendments to the Claims** – begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Drawings** – none made; and

**Remarks** – begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Enclosure** – Notice of Noncompliant amendment